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**Mr. Speaker:** I will now call the House to order.  
We will proceed with Morning Prayers.

*(Morning Prayers)*

**Mr. Speaker:** At this time we will proceed to the Order Paper.

#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any documents for tabling?  
Reports of Committees?  
Petitions?  
Introduction of Bills?

#### BILLS: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that a Bill entitled "Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance" be now introduced and read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that a Bill entitled, "Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance", be now introduced and read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the Bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, at the next sitting of the Assembly.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further Introduction of Bills?

Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

Notices of Motion or Resolution?

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion respecting adjournment of the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Klwane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale:

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Yukon Government give serious consideration to making available to the public, the Government's five year capital forecast so that private enterprise in Yukon can accommodate their planning and investment on the basis of the Government's proposed investment in the future.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Are there any Statements by Ministers?

This then brings us to the Question Period.

#### QUESTION PERIOD

**Mr. Speaker:** Have you any questions?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I have the information here in reply to Question Number 1, on April 25th.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table a Legislative Return to Question Number 24, relating to enrollment at F.H. Collins School.

**Mr. Speaker:** No questions, oh, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

#### Question re: Yukon House

**Mr. Hibberd:** I'm not sure who can answer this question, but it concerns the continuation of Yukon House in Vancouver. Does the Government have any plans for closure of the Yukon House in Vancouver?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, the Government of YTG is presently reassessing the role of Yukon House. It is costing the taxpayer of the Yukon nearly \$100,000.00 a year to maintain Yukon House and we're not sure at this point in time that we're getting full value for our money. That is why Mr. Roy Minter, who I think we all know and recognize his capabilities, is presently doing an assessment as Acting Manager of Yukon House for the Government of Yukon and all Members will be appraised of his assessment when it becomes available.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

**Question re: High water level on Marsh Lake**



**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the continued erosion on the shores of Marsh Lake regarding the high level water mark, is the Government concerned about the instructions that NCPC have as far as the high level mark that is permitted to them at this time?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, the only answer I can give is the one that was given by the Chairman of the NCPC, that they are going to live within their limits that they are allowed by NCPC in the future. I don't think that if they are within those limits that the erosion that did take place last summer will continue.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions?

We will then proceed to Orders of the Day and Motions.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### MOTIONS

#### Item Number 1

**Madam Clerk:** Item Number 1 standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mrs. Watson.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item 1 today?

**Mrs. Watson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.  
I would call question.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale:

THAT the Green Paper on Highway signs be moved into Committee of the Whole.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

#### Item Number 2

**Madam Clerk:** Item Number 2 standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item 2?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the

Honourable Member from Mayo that when the Yukon Legislative Assembly is required to name a nominee to the Alaska Highway Pipeline Hearing Commission,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Willard Phelps be named and appointed to the Hearing as the nominee of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Speaker, I would call question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** We will now proceed to Public Bills.

### PUBLIC BILLS

**Madam Clerk:** Second reading, Bill 18, Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

### BILL 18 - SECOND READING

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 18 be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 18 be now read a second time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall this Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Madam Clerk:** Second reading of Bill Number 19, Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?



**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 19 be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 19 be now read a second time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall this Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Pelly River.

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would move, Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. Fleming:** I second that.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

*(Mr. Speaker leaves Chair)*

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Mr. Chairman:** I call this Committee to order and declare a recess.

*(RECESS)*

**Mr. Chairman:** I call the Committee to order.  
Bill Number – We will continue with consideration of the White Paper on Decentralization.  
Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I have a motion proposed by myself, and seconded by the Member from Riverdale. Should I read it now?

**Mr. Chairman:** Yes.

**Ms. Millard:** THAT it is the opinion of the Assembly that the White Paper on Decentralization not be accepted on the basis that findings therein contained are not complete;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Economic Planning Unit be instructed to determine the feasibility of moving the offices or an office of the Department of Tourism to Dawson City, the study to indicate, by the cost benefit system, the merits of such a proposal.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, I would have – Mr. Chairman, I would have problems with this proposal because the last section of it, “the study to indicate, by the cost benefit system, the merits of such a proposal.” and I would say that it would need to be amended to say “the merits or otherwise of such a proposal”, before I could –

**Ms. Millard:** I would agree to that amendment if that –

**Mr. Chairman:** I’m sorry, I missed that, Mr. Fleming, what –?

**Ms. Millard:** I believe the Member would like to put, between the words “merit” and “of”, “or otherwise”.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, this motion surprises me. In view of the lengthy discussions held in Committee yesterday afternoon on this subject, I thought the consensus at the end of the afternoon was that the Honourable Member would be bringing in or someone would be bringing in, a request for an in-depth study of such a move of some department of government. This is still the same thing that we were flogging all day yesterday, still asking the same questions and still dealing with the same information. Mr. Chairman, I’m disappointed that the Honourable Member hasn’t broadened the scope of this question to what was suggested by the Honourable Member from Mayo.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Mr. Chairman, I wouldn’t be able to support this motion, basically for the same reasons that I gave yesterday. It’s really, as the Minister of Health and Welfare has pointed out, it is almost exactly the same thing as we were discussing yesterday.

It seems to me that it’s pretty shortsighted to insist that the Department of Tourism go to Dawson, because there may be another section, maybe of ten people, that could be transferred to Dawson. I think it’s extremely shortsighted to put a motion in this form because it may be very impractical for this particular section to be moved, but it may be a very good idea to transfer another section.

I couldn’t support this motion.



**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, would it be possible for the Member to withdraw the motion and present another motion on the same lines but reworded? Would it be in order?

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, since there is support for a broader motion which is something that I would prefer to have in actuality. I would like to ask Committee's concurrence to withdraw the motion and come back later in the day with another motion.

**Mr. Chairman:** Does Committee concur?  
Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Just a further suggestion. I would ask that another motion come as an opinion that they would ask the Commissioner to instruct the Economic and Planning Unit. I don't think that the House has the capabilities of issuing the instructions, but we can certainly ask the administration to issue such instructions, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** We will proceed with consideration of Bill Number 18, Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance. It is the intention to proceed this morning with the items on the Order Paper as they are listed. Bill Number 18 --

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** -- is the first item.  
Clause 1.

*(Reads Clause 1)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Is there any general debate?  
Shall Clause 1 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** 2(1).

*(Reads Clause 2)*

Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** 3(1).

*(Reads Clause 3)*

Shall Clause 3 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** 4(1).

*(Reads Clause 4)*

Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** 5(1).

*(Reads Clause 5)*

Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the consent of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows: Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance.

Shall the title carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall I report the Bill without amendment?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Bill Number 19, Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78.  
1(1).

*(Reads Clause 1)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall Clause 1 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 2.

*(Reads Clause 2)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall Clause 2 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 3.

*(Reads Clause 3)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall Clause 3 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Schedule A, Appropriation Loan Capital Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance, \$100.00.  
Clear?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Whereas it appears by message from Arthur Pearson, Esquire, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and the instruments accompanying same, the sums hereinafter mentioned in Schedule A of this Ordinance are required to defray certain expenses of the Public Service of the Yukon Territory, and for the purposes relating thereto, and for the twelve months ending the 31st day of March, 1978,



Therefore, the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows: Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78.

Shall the title carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall I report the Bill without amendments?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Bill Number 13, General Development Agreement Ordinance. Consideration of Clause 2. Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, I would move, seconded by the Honourable Member Mrs. Whyard, that Bill Number 13 entitled "General Development Agreement Ordinance", be amended as follows:

Clause 2, at page one, by deleting the words "and executing" and substituting the words "execute and carry out" after the words "enter into" in line six. Mr. Chairman, Clause 2(1) would read:

The Commissioner is authorized to enter into, execute and carry out on behalf of the Government of the Territory an agreement with Canada providing for: (a), (b), (c).

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, in discussion of this Bill in Committee earlier, Honourable Members had removed Section 3. It is the opinion of the Legislative Programming Committee, in reviewing this Ordinance, that this amendment will satisfy the requirements of the Bill and that it can be moved and kept alive without that section in it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, this amendment may satisfy the requirements of the Bill, and of the Executive, but I wonder whether it does satisfy the requirements of the Legislature.

As far as I'm concerned, the amendment is nothing more than a back-door substitution for Section Number 3. I think the basic principle behind the Members not approving Section 3 of the Bill is the fact that this Bill gives the Commissioner limitless power to enter into a General Development Agreement and also to enter into a Subsidiary Agreement.

Time after time, we're hearing we will not enter into it unless it comes before this House, so as far as I'm concerned, Mr. Chairman, that is not good enough for me because, in the past, things have been entered into, executed and carried out before they've come into this House. I think this is one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation that we could approve and adopt across the board. We're just saying, go ahead, you set your

priorities without ever having to come here. You determine the future for some of the programs for the Yukon Territory and that is fine, you can enter into it as long as the Minister agrees to enter into an agreement with you, Mr. Commissioner, that's fine, you go ahead on behalf of the Government of the Yukon.

As far as I'm concerned, Mr. Chairman, my thoughts are the same about the Bill and you can bring in an amendment such as this to substitute for Section 3, it still isn't doing anything to accommodate my fears and my suspicions.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the fears that the Honourable Member from Kluane speaks about, I didn't think were the fears of the House when they took out Clause Number 3. Looking at it, you know, the clause that says the Commissioner is empowered to do every act and exercise every power for the purpose of implementing every obligation assumed by the Government of the Territory under any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 2, you know, it's like waving a red flag before a bull. As far as I can see, it's unnecessary. You know, regardless of how we feel about it, we have to accept the Constitutional position of the Yukon, and the Commissioner is the person who will sign such an agreement.

But we don't have to hit Members over the head with the powers that we all know that he has in Legislation. If we can say simply that the Commissioner is authorized to enter into, execute and carry out, then I think that we should be using that language, rather than 3(1).

I think that, if it's developed properly and subsidiary agreements are developed properly, that the GDA's and the subsidiary agreements can be of great benefit to the people of the Territory. It can provide an awful lot of money which was not available prior to do things which are really beneficial and much needed in the Territory.

Every time that we start planning in the Department of Local Government, we come up against that stone wall that everybody says, you know, we have no inventory of what is there or what is capable of being done on this piece of land. We have no best use, maximum land use value out of this piece of land and we're reluctant, everybody tells us whether it was discipline in Game and Forestry, of allowing this land to be used until we know what the heck it contains.

I have studied and have looked at the GDA and subsidiary agreements that were reached in Northern Manitoba. The Federal Government paid the lion's share of doing that type of land use inventory so that that bank and that baseline information was available and people went ahead and want to do something with land development. I think that this is particularly essential at this time in the Yukon's history, when we know that we are coming to the crunch on an Indian Land Claims Settlement in Yukon. I can see that, if we pursue under the GDA subsidiary agreements sensibly, that this is exactly the time, type of money that will flow to YTG, which will be extremely beneficial and provide a much-needed information data bank for the Yukon Government to make wise decisions.

And in Northern Manitoba, millions and millions of federal dollars that were not otherwise available flowed



into the Government of Manitoba for such studies and inventories.

So, you know, it's up to the Executive Committee and up to the Government of Yukon, under the umbrella of the GDA, to come up with some sensible plans and some sensible use of subsidiary agreements so that the people of Yukon can benefit. It has been promised, and I'll state it again as unequivocally as possible, there'll be no subsidiary agreements signed by the Commissioner as long as I'm a Member of the Executive Committee until they are brought before this House and debated and agreed upon.

If Honourable Members say that word is not enough, that the word of the elected Members on the Executive Committee is not enough, then of course that's their prerogative, but that is our stand because we realize the implications of these agreements and we realize the importance of them, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that is not enough as far as I'm concerned. That's why I'm on my feet.

You're talking about a data bank, that's a different thing, than giving the sweeping powers that we have here. The Honourable Member knows full well when he was a member of the Territorial Council if he'd have got a piece of legislation like this, he'd have thrown it out. He'd have picked it up and ripped it in the wastebasket. I can see him today; he'd have thrown it in the wastebasket and marched out saying, "No way am I going to do this!"

How the situation changes. It could be used, this is right; it could be used to the benefit of the Territory. However, there will be terms and conditions written into these agreements and these terms and conditions are a requirement of what people can benefit, what people can do. I have seen lately too many terms and conditions that have come from Ottawa, that I am not prepared to say go ahead and sign anything with any terms and conditions that you think are right, in order to get a piece of silver. A piece of silver is important, but not that important to me.

Mr. Chairman, I certainly could not approve this piece of legislation.

**Mr. Chairman:** Is there any further debate on the amendment?

It has been moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mrs. Whyard, that Bill Number 13 entitled the "General Development Agreement Ordinance", be amended as follows:

Clause 2, at page one, by deleting the words "and execute" and substituting therefor the words "execute and carry out" after the words "enter into" in line six.

Are you ready for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Some Members:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Show of hands, please.  
Are you in favour?  
Contrary?  
The amendment is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 2:

2(1) The Commissioner is authorized to enter into and execute and carry out, on behalf of the Government of the Territory, an agreement with Canada providing for:

(a) joint Federal-Territorial economic and socio-economic planning and development of the Yukon Territory,

(b) the making of subsidiary agreements by the Government of the Territory and the Government of Canada to implement programs for the development of the Territory,

(c) such other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Commissioner.

Shall Clause 2 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Some Members:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Show of hands.

Shall Clause 2 carry?

Disagree?

Clause 2 is carried.

The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows: General Development Agreement Ordinance.

Shall the title carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall I report the Bill, as amended?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Some Members:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** In order that we may have Mr. Gillespie appear as a witness this morning, when he is unavailable this afternoon, I would like to consider the Green Papers on Highway Information Signs and on Highway Signs.

Does Committee agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Perhaps I could read out the summary of the two papers:

"As a result of this study and subsequent meetings between Yukon and Federal Highways and Public Works, Yukon Tourism, Parks and Information and Visitor Industry representatives, the following recommendations are made:

"(1) That the Highway information sign system, in-



cluding policy and legislative recommendations as contained in the report 'Design of a Yukon Information Sign System' be approved.

"(2) That the YTG Department of Highways and Public Works proceed to order required signs during 1977-78 and, contingent on funding, erect the system during the summer of 1978.

"(3) That the YTG Department of Highways and Public Works erect new border entry signs in 1977 if necessary funds are available."

And on the second Green Paper, on Highway Signs: "The possible improvement to present system listed in the brief cannot be applied to the proposed sign system since these suggestions are based on the premise that some commercial advertising signs should remain on the highways. To allow any commercial signs to remain on Yukon Highways would not only destroy the effectiveness of the proposed information sign system, but would conflict with the basic direction given by the Legislative Assembly.

"The proposed signs would provide Yukon with highway information sign system second to none in North America and would still allow individual operators to erect a commercial advertising sign in the established rest stops.

"Members of the Legislative Assembly are urged to give positive consideration to the recommendations contained in the Green Paper."

Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have some problem with "the commercial advertising sign board gives an advantage to the population centres over the outside operator." That is a comment. They are saying that there will be a possibility -- or is the witness saying that there will be a possibility that you will be erecting -- or will be allowed to erect a commercial -- to erect a sign in the area of a rest stop for instance? It is more or less suggested here that this might be the case.

**Mr. Gillespie:** In the rest stops, there may be two types of signs. One type will be an information sign which will include identification of points of interest and history. Secondly, there can be an advertising sign in which people in the community can put plaques or small signs attached to this sign board, and we see no reason why, if there is a facility adjoining a community, that that facility should not be allowed to put its advertisements on that sign board along with the others to indicate that there is a facility just outside of town and, to that extent, might alleviate the problem raised by Mr. Hollstead.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** I can see the advantage in some cases. I'm just wondering though what happens if -- these signs would be, of course, on one billboard. In a rest stop area, we know there's no room for any more than possibly one or something anyway with all signs on it. I'm wondering myself just how commercial signs could be put on there in a way, because if you have so many that you're going to just, you know, who are we going to put on? Are we going to put everybody along the Alaska Highway? Are they going to be in that definite

area there, between Mile Post so and so and Kilometre so and so, or just how are you going to do that?

And then, in another area, it says that there's a possibility of maybe putting them in the campgrounds which is, again, I would think possibly the thought there was to put up a whole commercial signing for the private enterprise in the campground, if they were allowed, and I'm just wondering how these things are going to work out in a small area?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Chairman, the idea is not to put signs, billboards, in campgrounds. It's only -- the idea is only to put them in rest stops and the commercial advertising that would appear on those signs in the rest stops would only pertain to the establishments in that immediate area, not for the whole length of the highway.

**Mr. Chairman:** Is there any further debate on these Green Papers regarding Highway Signs?

Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I know that the government embarked upon a method of highway signs as a result of direction from this House and they endeavoured, I think two years ago, to get most of the private commercial operators to remove their signs. That was a fiasco. They were ordered to take their signs down. Some of them refused to. Then they were ordered, then they were told they could leave them up, put them back up or leave them up. That alone, almost destroyed the credibility of the highway signs program. So what happened, we've got a sector of our population, businesses who use signs, are madder than hatters because they went and obeyed the government law, obeyed the request from the government to remove the signs, pulled all their signs up. Some of them were quite valuable signs and the chaps who thumbed their noses at the government and said, "Who do you think you are, I'm not going to take my sign down", they still have their signs up.

So, we've got ourselves into a pretty, I think, quite a serious situation, trying to compromise these people, because right now they're all cross about the signing. Add to that, the Yukon's absolute haste in taking down the mileposts. That doesn't help, that doesn't help one little bit.

So now we're coming forward with signs proposal. I can see the advantages of it, very much so, having uniform signs, but I think the point that is being made by the resolution from the Yukon Visitors' Association is a real one, because they are not sure that every establishment is going to get the proper recognition through the Highway signs and I'm not sure either. And this is what bothers me.

Because of the signing system, are some operators going to get an advantage over others? I personally don't know whether to go along with it or not, because I don't specifically understand the technical aspects, and there are technical aspects of the Highway Signing program, just exactly where the signs will be put. They talk about where there is a cluster of establishments or lodges within a certain number of miles, that they will have signs for all of them at the beginning of this cluster.

Well, the guy who is at the end of the cluster certainly isn't going to get as much benefit out of the signing



program as the guy who is right at this end of the cluster. That's what my concerns are about. To make sure that everyone gets proper advertising through our highway signs, because that's what we are saying. We are saying, "Don't you advertise your establishment, we will advertise it for you."

I'm quite surprised, the Yukon Visitors' Association, who are very concerned about the image that the Yukon gives to our visitors, they want to have -- they're trying to build a good tourism trade in the Yukon, and when they came out with their Resolution, I'm wondering what prompted them, what did they see in the highway sign proposal that made them come forward with this resolution, that commercial businesses should have the right to continue having business signs posted in convenient locations in each direction of the particular establishment in compliance with present highway regulations.

They've gone back to the old way, but not quite. If anyone can throw the light on why, what deficiency do they see in our signing program that will not fulfill the advertising requirement of each individual operator, because that's what we must do. When we're telling him he can't sign his establishment, advertise, then we'd better make sure that we do it.

If anyone can throw any light on it, I'd certainly be interested in hearing it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Gillespie?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Chairman, no signing system is absolutely perfect and totally equitable. I don't think there's any way that one can be designed. I think though, that this system that we have here is one that comes as close as we can hope to, to that objective.

There are, as you mentioned, as the Honourable Member mentioned, two ways. One that she mentioned, then there's another one that these establishments can have their interests taken care of. One is through this sign identifying the facilities they are approaching in this cluster of facilities, the second one is where you have -- some of those who were concerned are in communities, small unorganized communities, or otherwise, and there the rest stop program will come into play.

In that rest stop program, in the billboard that will appear, services that are provided will be mapped on the billboards, gas stations, restaurants, lodges, campgrounds, hospitals, police and so on. They will actually be shown in the report. I guess Members probably don't have one available with them now, although they were passed out last Fall.

Numbers will be indexed to indicate where these things are available so that in the rest stops, where there are rest stops, it should help to alleviate that problem. In other areas, and they tend to be smaller clusters, these other signs showing the range of facilities that are coming up should assist. Beyond that it will then become up to the individual operator with his on-premise signs and the advertising he does in publications and brochures and so on, to draw the visitors' attention to the fact that he has an establishment there. He does -- even then I will agree, that there might be situations where a single operator will be at a disadvantage for traffic coming in on one side of the com-

munity, but perhaps there's an advantage for traffic coming in on the other side.

I know of no way that we can improve on this system. I recognize that there is, to some degree, problem, but it boils down to a signing program or no signing program, unless people have suggestions on how we can alleviate that problem further, but we have not been able to come up any.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't think I'll be asking too many questions. I would like to comment too, as the Honourable Member from Kluane has said, and maybe clarify it a little bit better though I don't like laying blame on government for things that have been done and have been a fiasco, but in this case it did happen that way, and whether through our folly here or whether through the government itself at the level when they came out with the system to take off the highway signs, which I myself stood up here very strongly urging them to do. I'll admit it, however, there were some things that were forgotten. These are just things where you make mistakes and somehow you have to correct them. I'd like that well recorded that there was a very serious mistake at that time or I don't think we would be standing here today if they had taken a little better look at it and made sure that they removed all the signs on the road and asked for them all to be removed. I don't think that they would have been hurt, but they forgot a few things such as stores and different types of businesses and actually these people were not forced to take down their signs so they just didn't bother. It's one of those things that private enterprise will do if you don't say yes or no one way or the other, he's not going to go along with you. So the program did go down the drain, really.

Now, there is a little problem here yet in the rest stop and sign situation. I would like to see the government make sure that when they explain things that they explain it a little better than here, because their response to the comment on the commercial advertising signing board gives an advantage to the population centres of the outside, by denying the outside operators the opportunity to have off-premise commercial advertising. I agree. And their response, they say that there is no reason why an operator located outside the community cannot erect a sign on the commercial sign board. Now that is fairly straightforward, because that would be the commercial sign board there. You're not telling him he can go around just erecting signs, because they will get this impression.

But they go down to the bottom of the page and they explain why it would be a good system and a wonderful system and second to none in North America and then still allow the individual operator to erect commercial advertising signs in the established rest stops. Now, anybody reading that and I'm sure that they will say, "Oh, they promised us that we would be able to put up a commercial sign in the rest stop." There is no way that this would ever happen, I don't think, because we would have signs in that rest stop where you couldn't drive in it. So I think, just take note of that and explain to the public that that is, I'm sure, not the way they intend to go, just let them put up signs wherever they want to in



there eight foot square or four foot or otherwise or what.

The other little problem here is, that will probably present a problem, and already has in the Teslin area because of the fact that the Department heads were down and had a meeting and they have asked for local input and I agree this is a wonderful thing. I think they should do it everywhere, but when they got that local input, it was a unanimous decision by that, I think possibly thirty to thirty-five people that night, in that little town, that they not put in those rest stops that they were going to put in this year. And I'm not going to say what happened here, but in the last couple of days we have had the -- a committee in here, tourist advisory committee, they have been in town I think, and I don't know what their suggestion was but I have a feeling that it's more or less along the same lines, for that area anyway, I know, but, how it turned out I don't know what their brief will be.

What I'm saying is that possibly there may not be any rest stops for -- not permanently, but for the time being, because these people asked that the rest stops be not put in until such time as the Highway was straightened out and it was a thing that was going to stay there forever and that's it. They didn't want to see Tourism spending money, \$10,000.00 or \$12,000.00 on a couple of rest stops, or maybe \$20,000.00 even and two or three years from now somebody says we're going to pave the Highway, so, you know, that's gone down the drain, we'll build another one.

They wish to leave it the way it was and the very reason for that motion and the reason for the people voting for it unanimously in that area was because there are rest stops 'til you wouldn't believe on the Alaska Highway. You can drive off at every quarter of a mile. There are roads where they have straightened out the Highway and they left government roads, which the Honourable Member from Kluane can well remember because she wanted them plowed out in the winter time. However, they are there and they are used as rest stops and whether you have a fancy rest stop with a million signs and a gold plated biffy and all the rest of it, they will still pull into those nice little places, go into the trees and do their thing. There's just no problem, you know.

And until such time as the Highway is straightened out and these things are done, then the money is more or less a waste. That's what the people thought and that, some others may have a different feeling.

So I think at that time it was a second motion on the floor in Teslin to say, 'Look, we're not going to have the rest stop, we hope, the tourist, "burro", as I call them goes along with us.' Therefore we recommend that the signs, the commercial one that you were speaking of, which Mr. Gillespie has spoken of here today, that would give them an opportunity to put their little business on, be placed in the campgrounds, which are, I believe, and I think those people felt, a permanent thing.

I don't think they will ever move away from the campground, even if they move the highway. They will still go to that campground, because it is something that's permanent, I would hope anyway. These are just the points I would like to bring up, if it's any good to the administration, okay, if not, well, very good.

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Chairman, I find those comments very interesting. The option of putting commer-

cial advertising boards, and the Member is quite correct, the way it's worded here at the end of the Green Paper, is misleading. It does seem to imply that each operator can put up his own individual sign in the rest stop and that is not so. He can put up a sign on the commercial advertisement board.

The plan, the way it has been developed, contemplates only putting up these advertising boards in rest stops. We have not addressed the possibility of putting them up in campgrounds adjacent to municipalities where there are no rest stops.

I wouldn't want to make any hasty decisions here on whether that should or should not be done, but it's certainly something that we could look into and consider for those areas that, at least for the meantime, do not have rest stops.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know if I understand the Honourable Member from Kluane and Hootalinqua right, but I think their concern is that advertising will be only on one side of a community or settlement.

I was wondering if Mr. Gillespie couldn't possibly look into the possibility of building rest stops on either side, and erecting signs on either side of settlements or communities?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Our rest stop program, Mr. Chairman, does include rest stops on both sides of each community that have rest stops, not just on one. Now not all communities at this point have two rest stops, but the plan is ultimately that they all will have two.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, it seems that highway signs are to this House as dogs are to municipal councils. Every year the subject comes up and never seems to be resolved satisfactorily.

I think this is the first really serious attempt to grasp the situation and make some common sense out of it.

I've spoken and put motions in this House on many occasions about a lack of a highway sign policy. I was concerned that the Yukon highways were just becoming exactly the same as any highway anywhere, and were in danger as business moved in and as more businesses wanted to advertise, but they were going to become a junk yard, the same as so many highways are, all across the North American continent. The millions and millions of dollars that people are spending and governments are spending to remove the junk and the billboards from the highways now that they are in effect when people say that they don't want to see that clutter of billboards and advertising signs junking up the highways any longer.

I think all Honourable Members know that to travel the highway that for every commercial sign that's well kept and is attractive and is very pleasing to read and to see, I think you could safely say that there's two other billboards that are in exactly the opposite direction that should be removed, should be downed, are a disgrace to the highways of the Yukon, to the aesthetics of the Yukon, and to the business people of the Yukon also.



So, this is an attempt to come up with that solution, which of course, will not satisfy everybody, no policy that this government can bring forward can satisfy the people. I just say it's a hell of a lot better than anything we've been able to come up to at the present time. The haste with which government does things is something that we're generally not accused of, but in highway signs and in highway mileage posting we seem to have been too active in the past. That, of course, is the reason that they'll just be ordered and stockpiled during this year, the signs, so that the information and advertising journals will be able to be charged, that there will be no erection of the signs during this year, that that will be in the budget for next year so that everybody will have an ample opportunity instead of just rushing into this where angels fear to tread, that they will be able to have that time. Of course, it allows for the construction and the erection of those very attractive border signs which we see in the highway design program during this year, Mr. Chairman, which I think is advantageous and it should be done.

Also I think we should give some credence to the point that the Yukon Visitors' Association and the Yukon Tourism Advisory Board have both endorsed the content of the proposed sign system. These are the people who are directly involved with the tourist industry and, as far as I know, with the lodge operators. So, Mr. Chairman, I think that it is a sensible policy, I think it's a good policy and I think some of the bad points have been removed through the brief and through the presentations of the Honourable Members. It's one of those situations that, no matter what you are going to do, you're not going to satisfy everything, but I think it's a big step in the right direction. I would support any motion supporting the Green Paper on Highway Information Signs, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Mayo, that the recommendations contained in the Green Paper on Highway Information Signs be given the support of this House.

**Mr. Chairman:** It has been moved by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, that the recommendations contained in the Green Paper on Highway Information Signs be given the support of this House.

Are you ready for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie, could we turn now to the White Paper on Decentralization? We now have a motion, proposed by Ms. Millard. Ms. Millard.

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I believe everyone has copies of the motion; would you like me to read it?

**Mr. Chairman:** I can read it.

**Ms. Millard:** Okay.

**Mr. Chairman:** It has been moved by Ms. Millard, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, that it is the opinion of this House that the philosophy expressed in the White Paper on Decentralization be rejected on the basis that the conclusions within the Paper are based on incomplete data;

And, further, it is the opinion of the House that the Economic Research and Planning Unit should be requested by the Commissioner to determine the merits or otherwise of fully implementing a policy of reasonably decentralizing Territorial Government offices from Whitehorse to other centres in the Yukon.

Are you ready for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** All those in favour?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Contrary?

**Some Members:** Contrary.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Resolution Number 4:

That, whereas a study entitled "A Preliminary Assessment into the Viability of Home Manufacturing in Yukon" has been prepared;

And whereas, in order to fully respond and realize the potential of a viable home manufacturing industry, some further information and promotion is required;

Be it resolved that it is the opinion of this House that an in-depth study involving a detailed analysis of the market and examination of the various financial aspects, an assessment of participators in such a venture and a study of the social and economic impact on such a facility upon the Yukon economy be carried out;

And, further, that such a study form an integral part of the Social Economic Planning Unit's report on the Yukon's Economic and Social Future.

Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Being one of the advocates of this particular project, I'd like, if I may, to read into the record parts of the preliminary report presented to this House by Boyd A. McMillan and P. Michael Maher, who did the preliminary study on Yukon Housing.

They go on and refer to some observations and preliminary assessments as to the viability of home manufacturing in the Yukon. This is, "Based on a very preliminary examination of the Yukon housing industry, there would appear to be sufficient demand to sustain one local home manufacturing facility. This conclusion is accentuated further by apparently high profit mar-



gins and higher selling prices within the Yukon, compared to many other regions in Western Canada."

They further go on to say, "suggested alternatives as to types of manufacturing plants"; they suggest that a branch plant be established in Western Canada and might view very favourably the establishment of a branch plant here in the Yukon. Such an alternative would likely necessitate government support and possible financial concessions.

They go on to say, "A joint venture: in an attempt to realize a broader base of expertise commitment and involvement, the establishment under a joint venture could prove particularly attractive. Such a joint venture could involve local business people, as well as outside interest. Two avenues could prove particularly attractive and would minimize many potential difficulties: first, what the business people could contract with an expertise firm for a 'turn-key' operation. This would involve having an outside group working for a fee for service basis to design, purchase and instal or erect the necessary building or equipment, as well as training the necessary personnel. The second approach will be to establish a joint venture by means of a franchising system. Such an approach may well give the same benefits as a 'turn-key' at somewhat less initial cost and will assure a greater degree of longer term support due to extended royalty payments."

I'm just giving a few points out of this particular report. I find it a very interesting report, Mr. Chairman, the the summary these people are suggesting is: "(1) The establishment of home manufacturing operation in the Yukon could prove to be viable. (2) In order to achieve an acceptable level of profit, it would be necessary to achieve sales of approximately 100 housing units per year" (keeping in mind one of the individuals that did this study started with a 30-unit home manufacturing plant for the year and built up to 100; "(3) There would appear to be sufficient demand within the Yukon from government and private building programs such that these sales objectives could be realised. (4) Although profitable levels might well establish from the onset that no operating subsidy is required, financial support in the form of grants, loans or direct government participation is judged essential. Financial assistance during the early stages of development would be necessary to achieve essential levels of financial stability and liquidity. (5) Necessary technical support and know-how can be readily obtained. Two possible arrangements are through the purchase of a 'turn-key' plant operation or through the establishment of a franchising contract with an established home manufacturer. (6) It is the conclusion of the writers that there is a need for a substantially more detailed feasibility study before any private or public commitments can be expected. Accordingly, further study is judged to be essential."

I think they are quite sincere, these people, in this report. They say it is very, very viable. It would take a more in-depth study which is suggested in the Motion, Mr. Chairman, and I'm hoping that the Members of this House will support the Motion because secondary industry in the Yukon is not all that rampant.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. McCall. Any further debate? Are you ready for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I fully support the Motion. I'm just curious, there's a couple of questions that I might ask the mover of it. The Motion in itself, in other words, is a Motion to just have the studies.

Is the Member really thinking of government participation such as grants and so forth going towards whom to start the business, and what interference or otherwise would it have with private enterprise if they were intending to start, or is the Motion just to give them that opportunity to see what could happen?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** The questions are the same questions that I think would be on everybody's mind, Mr. Chairman. The suggested next study that we are suggesting in the Motion is to do a full in-depth exploratory study before we can look at any commitments from anybody, whether it be private enterprise, whether it be the government, individuals, any person that may be interested in this type of a venture, and it's only logical to get a further in-depth study done.

I don't believe I'm answering the questions from the Members, but before I would even consider any commitments whatsoever from any party, I would like to see a full in-depth study completed and presented before we ever cross that next bridge.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I have no problem with this Motion and I am sure that when this planning unit report is completed and available, we will find there are a number of areas indicated which would be attractive to private enterprise for an investment or the beginning of a new industry. This is fine, this is what they are there for.

I am also pleased to have this kind of study before somebody goes out on a limb, gets a Business Development Loan and goes down the drain as unfortunately too many people have because there was no such feasibility study conducted.

We have seen some very sad examples, Mr. Chairman, in the Northwest Territories of what looked like excellent propositions funded with government dollars, our dollars, your dollars, setting up log mill and construction projects all over the place. In some cases, capital investment was considerably higher than anyone ever anticipated and they went into the business with huge new specially designed saws and all the rest of it to provide logs for log housing, then they would find another part of the government was not clued in, they were not accepting that size of log for construction for mortgage loans.

This is the kind of area that needs a study and I certainly hope that the result of it will be that we will see possibly more than one industry spring up and that the people in the Yukon will have a project they can work in and from which they can benefit.

**Mr. Chairman:** Question?



**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** All those in favour?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Contrary? The Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** We will recess until one-thirty.

*(Recess)*

**Mr. Chairman:** I call the Committee to order.  
Bill Number 17, Second Appropriation Ordinance,  
1977-78.  
Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, now that new procedures have been initiated upon the concurrence of the report on the Rules, Privileges and Elections Committee that I was, at some point in time this morning, during Orders of the Day, to stand up and give a money message signed by the Commissioner. I missed my opportunity and did not do that, but I would just like to inform the Committee that I do have the message, signed, sealed and delivered for whenever we get back into the House when it has to be presented.

**Mr. Chairman:** Very well, we'll be back into the House later today, Mr. McKinnon, and give you your opportunity.  
Clause 1.

*(Reads Clause 1)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Any general debate on the Bill? Shall Clause 1 carry?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 2.

*(Reads Clause 2)*

Shall Clause 2 carry?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 3.

*(Reads Clause 3)*

Shall Clause 3 carry?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** I refer you to Project Capital, Establishment 2940, Pre-Engineering Federal Projects, \$100,000.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 2941, Miscellaneous

and Minor Projects, \$50,000.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 2953, Replacement of Drain or Structures, Nahanni Range Road, \$400,000.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 2954, Reconstruction of Dempster Highway, Milepost 6 to 25, \$1,230,000.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 2955, Culvert Installation Dempster Highway, Milepost 25 to 42.7, \$520,000.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Twenty-nine fifty-six, Klondike Highway Paving, Milepost 94 to 104, \$1,300,000.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** A total of \$3,600,000.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall the Schedule carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Whereas it appears by message from Arthur Pearson, Esquire, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and in the estimates accompanying the same that the sums hereinafter mentioned in Schedule A of this Ordinance are required to defray certain expenses for the public service of the Yukon Territory and for the purposes relating thereto for the twelve months ending the 31st day of March, 1978,

Therefore, the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows: "Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78".

Shall the title carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall I report the Bill without amendment?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Chairman:** We will now deal with, now in Committee we have the Land Subdivision Policy White Paper, Green Paper on Land Rental Rates and the White Paper on Territorial Lands Policy.

Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, before we get



into discussion and debate on these three items, I think there are some points of clarification that I would like to attempt to make to Committee — the first one being, Sessional Paper Number 4, 1976, First Session, which has been asked to come back to Committee. As all Members know, this was introduced by me at the Fall Session of Council. It was moved into Committee the next day by the Honourable Members from Kluane and Riverdale, which was exactly the way that I had hoped that it would proceed because there was some obvious contentious points in this Paper which were deliberately there so that we would have a good debate and be able to come up with a policy after a good debate in this House on it.

For whatever reason, Mr. Chairman, it transpired that we got to the last day of the Session, which we appear to have again, and when the Paper was called for discussion, there was no discussion and the Paper just went through.

I have looked at the minutes and I was present in the House. The Honourable Member from Kluane and the Honourable Member from Riverdale were also in the House and, whether it was just in the rush to get away from the House or for whatever purpose, it didn't come about.

I can inform Members of the Committee that, because I didn't have the input of them at that time, which I did desire, and because of the pressures that were on the Department of Local Government in land policy that for all intents and purposes that Sessional Paper is just as dead as the proverbial dodo. It is not government policy, it will not be government policy and it is not intended to be government policy in any shape or form and it can be transposed into the waste paper basket at the earliest opportunity of all Members.

Along with the suggestions in the Paper, Mr. Chairman, was the idea that we would develop a set of Yukon Land Regulations under the Area Development Ordinance. The Honourable Member from Kluane asked me to table such amendments in this House of the proposed regulations. This is about the 27th or 28th or the 30th draft of them that we went around in trying to find regulations that we could apply generally throughout the Yukon. We just couldn't come up with them so they are, for all intents and purposes, just as dead as the proverbial dodo also. I couldn't answer the Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers; I couldn't debate the issue, because they are non-debatable, but there are no such regulations.

There were drafts of regulations which we tried to see whether would be applicable or not, and they are just not so they can go there also, Mr. Chairman.

So that leaves us with the Green Paper on the Land Rental Rates and the Territorial Lands Policy. What we were attempting to do was try to fit an overall policy that would satisfy the whole of the Yukon because of particular problems, and we do have particular problems. Our particular problems at the present time are in those areas of multi-use land within or on the periphery of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse. There are some really grave problems. There's problems of land, which has been given over for recreational leases and title, land that has been given over for agricultural lease and title, land that is used for small residential subdivision areas. There's only one way that we can solve it and that is to have a land use study by experts on the whole of

the area and then bring in zoning regulations after public input for the various land areas.

Members will see that the yellow areas, which includes the Mayo Road, Laberge area, Takhini Hot Springs Road, the Annie Lake area, the Carcross area, the Tagish area, are all under proposed land use planning and study for this summer, so that the people at Tagish, the people at Carcross, the people at Whitehorse, the people in Mayo Road, the Takhini Road, can all have proper input as to what the best land use in that area is. It's the most extremely important part of the Yukon Territory under pressure at this time and we've just got to come up with some sensible and some rational land use planning and zoning for that area.

We were mistaken in attempting to try overall regulations throughout the Yukon on land which has specific needs, which has specific purposes and presents specific problems to the Yukon and the Department of Local Government. That's where we're at now, and that's what we intend to do, and that's what we intend to do this summer.

Mr. Chairman, I think that that's the reasonable method to go. I couldn't wait for the involvement of the House in debate on the White Paper which was presented last Fall. You did pass monies in your budget this year for such studies to take place and we have already asked for proposals to be submitted on land use studies in those areas. Of course, we'll be notifying all the interest groups, like the Boundary Citizens' Association, the Tagish Community Association, the Carcross Community Club, all of these associations, when and where they can get involved in deciding what is the best use for land for the areas in which they choose to live.

There has been much discussion and much debate and much controversy over where we're going on the land in such areas as the Mayo Road and the Takhini Road and areas of that nature. What we propose to do for this summer is to allow the uses for which the land was originally obtained, whether it be commercial use, agricultural use, to continue for this year until the zoning regulations and the plans are initiated and approved.

Of course, that will not put any hardship on any person that has land and has received land for specific purposes in that area during the course of this summer.

Some of the problems that one can readily recognize in dealing in this area is people who, as late as 1972, received land for agricultural purpose in the large acreage areas of 200 to 300 acres for a dollar an acre, that's \$300.00 now come to me and say we want to subdivide this into 67, 70 parcels and it's in the public record of what the land value — then they are asking for in that area that was received for \$300.00 four years ago, has now jumped to half a million dollars in five short years with the changes of three or four people buying for strictly speculative purposes and people are honest about it. They say, that's why I bought the land. It was for agricultural title originally, I want it for speculative purposes, I want to subdivide it to 70 or 100 plots of land and I want to make half a million dollars on it.

I'm not prepared to make that kind of a commitment without the involvement of professional land planners and without the involvement of the people who are concerned. When we hear the people screaming and yelling that they're not allowed for subdivision on these tracts



of land, for every one of them, there's a dozen others who says, 'For God's sakes, that's why we left Porter Creek and Crestview, because it was getting too crowded. Now, we've moved out on to the Annie Lake Road or on to the Carcross Road or on to the Takhini Hot Springs Road, the Mayo Road, and speculators are trying to do exactly, beside us, what we were trying to escape from. For goodness sakes, don't allow them to subdivide into small parcels and lead us right back into the problem which we thought that we had escaped from.'

So, I can't make an objective analysis of all these pressures that are upon the Department of Local Government. I couldn't wait until we had the ability to debate the White Paper, which I had hoped would have been last Fall, so we acted this year by putting monies in the Budget and getting these types of land use studies underway, so that hopefully, when everything is settled, that we will have a sensible, rational, a viable and an acceptable land use plan for this total area surrounding Whitehorse.

If we do our work properly, it can be one of the most incredibly fine areas for a community to have on its boundaries, because it has everything there. It has land which is of prime recreational value for the majority of the largest urban centre in the community. There's land which is available, beautiful land for small acreage subdivision, land which is available for the normal type of subdivision, just all kinds of multi-use land, if it's planned properly and zoned properly and regulated properly. I know some Members would like to say, well, you know, all we should do is just go to the corner of Fourth and Main and fire the gun and let everybody go out on their horses and all find the best land that they want and stake it and just do whatever the hell they want to do with it.

Unfortunately, Mr. Chairman, those days are gone from Canada and those days are also gone from the Yukon. We just have to do our best in allowing the use of land but allowing it in a sensible and in a best use basis.

The other two papers which you have before you are the problems that I am facing in the Lands Ordinance. I think they're obvious. I think I come and I do use ministerial discretion wherever possible to get around problems, but there's a point in time when you come up against the law facing you and you have no alternative and you've got to change the law. We've got to get the law changed in the Lands Ordinance because there's problems which are being faced which just can't be resolved without changes in the Lands Ordinance in land development and in land use.

The other White Paper is simply a statement of the philosophy of the Department of Local Government that we do develop, we are the only game in town. We do believe in titled property to Yukon residents and we do do a fairly good job on that limited amount of land on which we have control. We're going to continue to do it, but we're going to do it on a rational, planned, sensible basis.

Mr. Chairman, I think with those remarks that I'd be most happy to listen to suggestions of Honourable Members.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable

Member, but I'm a little bit behind now just what he threw away and just what he didn't throw away. I'd like to get it clear and I'd like to make sure I have the proper papers in front of me because it went through fast for me. I'm a little slow in this. I hate to hold you up, but that's just the way it is.

You threw away the Land Subdivision Policy, Sessional Paper Number 4 by any chance? You threw it in the garbage, well that's the place for it, definitely.

The Green Paper we have before us is 1977 First -- this is gospel today.

There was one other, a White Paper and I seem to have somewhere lost a White Paper, and if it is the philosophy that I read for the government, then I have thrown it away, very likely, but I would appreciate a copy, again so that I may throw it away again, if I can find one. I just don't have one.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, that would be new Lands Regulations in effect, would that be part of it?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** No.

**Mr. Fleming:** No. There are so many papers, Mr. Chairman, on land.  
Thank you.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, while Mr. Fleming's getting sorted out there and he's got more than I have on it, I wonder if the Minister could answer one question of concern to me and that is the metropolitan area of the City of Whitehorse has recently concluded public hearings to discuss proposed zoning of land in the peripheral area and I wonder how this new study is going to coincide with what has been decided by their Planning Board?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the metropolitan area of Whitehorse, they have the complete and absolute ability, as a municipal council of zoning within the lands within their boundaries, but they do not have the ability on lands on the periphery of Whitehorse. That is the Territorial Government's responsibility and that's exactly what we're attempting to do to have those areas zoned for the best land use during this summer.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, this is my question. Is there some kind of communication between the people who will be conducting this survey this summer and the people who are planning the zoning in the metropolitan area?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, there was quite a reaction from my constituents on the Mayo Road and the Takhini Hot Springs Road to these subdivision pol-



icy papers that were tabled last year in 1976. There has also been quite a reaction from the people in this area to the fact that the City of Whitehorse has been making recommendations, or did in the past, make recommendations on the land use of the areas outside the boundaries of the city, the areas that were contiguous to the boundaries of the city of Whitehorse.

I think that we must be very careful and recognize that that land, while it should be complementary, possibly, to the land use within the city, is definitely under the jurisdiction of YTG and that before the recommendations of the city of Whitehorse are considered, the recommendations that the people who have, in fact, invested in the area, should certainly be given some very serious consideration.

I have no qualms at all about some very valuable and worthwhile input that these people are going to be able to provide. They've formed themselves into a Boundary Association to accommodate this type of thing specifically. They have, in the last few months that that Boundary organization has functioned, have disciplined themselves and have attempted and have succeeded in accommodating some of their own diverse ideas and opinions within their own organization.

I'm only hoping, very sincerely, that YTG plays ball with them and does not go to the city of Whitehorse and try to sort of inflict some of their opinions of the city of Whitehorse upon that area. I might also add that the Mayor and some of the aldermen of the city of Whitehorse, the present people, have expressed their opinion that they don't want to have anything to do with land that isn't there under their control. They feel, a lot of them do, that they've got enough on their plate right now.

We all realize that there has to be a complementary type of use between those lands, but surely, the City should not be dictating the use of the land in an area that isn't under its control.

Mr. Chairman, I was a little amazed at the Minister's statement regarding the extremely high profits that some people have made from land sales. I, possibly, am taking the wrong attitude, but I don't think it's particularly disgraceful to make money. If you're utilizing the government and getting special privileges from the government that's one thing, but I just don't seem to think that it's a disgrace to make money, but I don't think -- the Honourable Member stated that people had bought land for a dollar an acre. Now, I have never heard of land being sold for a dollar an acre. If it was a hundred dollars an acre, I could understand, but never, in all the time that I've lived in the Territory, have I seen an agreement for sale or have heard of anyone getting land for a dollar an acre.

I realize, and the people in that area also realize that they don't want another community out there. They want to live the type of lifestyle that they have had, but they do want to be able to have some accommodation for subdivisions. As one chap said, 'I have two daughters. I have so many acres. Is there no reason why I can't divide those acreages up so that I can leave a piece of property to both my daughters?'

There are a lot of people that are looking at it, subdivision not on a one acre or two acre plots. They don't want that, but they are looking more at accommodating a need so that you can be able to divide your land, but I'm sure that if the Territory goes the route that the Minister

has said that they are prepared to do this summer that they'll get a great deal of input from the people in this area and I don't think that they are going to be unreasonable at all.

I would like to also caution the government that if the Area Development Regulations go into the specific details that they did within the LID's, that they just brought down. There are pages and pages of very specific details of what people can do and can't do. They are going to be rejected by the people in those areas, so I would hope that the government is wise enough to bring in Area Development Regulations that will accommodate the kind of lifestyle that those people are living at the present time.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, to answer the Honourable Member, I was going to read a statement but I think people are all sick of statements just about now, but I'll read just a portion of it which answers the Honourable Member.

The proposed plan will be published and public consultation will be arranged with all interested parties, including the recently formed Boundary Association. It is hoped that this organization will be able to offer their constructive comments and assist in the consultative process.

I have already instructed my officers to formally contact this organization and commence this interactive process.

I don't have all the facts and figures on the land value, but I can give you an example which is in the public records. None of this is privileged information, anybody can go to Land Titles and search it out. There were 433 acres which were bought, the 433 acres for \$1,925.00 in 1972 which amounts to about \$5.00 an acre; the next deal on the same land went from that price to \$40,000.00 the next time it changed hands; the third time it changed hands in 1974, it was up to \$65,000.00 and now in 1977 it's up to \$500,000.00; so I don't mind making a buck either, Mr. Chairman, but there are certain things that I can't be too subjective about and going from \$5.00 an acre to whatever it is, \$500,000.00 for 400 acres in a course of five years doesn't fit into my scheme of private enterprise making money in a way that isn't harmful to the general community because when you take an acreage as 433 acres, which was received only because the person promised that it was going to be used for agricultural purposes and the reason why it is now worth and being sold for \$500,000.00 is because that's the type of subdivision which is another Crestview, Porter Creek or Riverdale which is being intended for that subdivision, then it does get my hackles up a little bit, even though I am from the private enterprise and the free enterprise school. I find that just a little too speculative and rip-off for my taste, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'm sure that the deal that was made at \$5.00 an acre was not Crown land. It may have been from a second party sale, because I have never heard of Crown land going for \$5.00 an acre, but Mr. Chairman, that is the point I'm trying to make. I don't think anyone is supporting a high degree of specu-



lation, but if there is a turnover and there is a profit, I don't think that I would be particularly too upset if a person is making a profit over a deal.

I don't think that we have to be too concerned about the people in that area wanting another Crestview or Hillcrest, and I'm sure that if the government goes ahead and has the hearings and has the input that they are going to find they have a different situation than they feel that they have at the present time. The people of that area have some specific views and I don't think they want to have another 400 residents in the area. If people want to take a chance on something like this, you know, far be it from us to say don't.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I might not have the answer to the problem that the Minister just spoke about, but I certainly have some comments on that problem.

I feel myself that what he just showed us there, that we've been shown on that piece of paper, wouldn't have happened in many cases in the Territory if the government sat down and just thought what they were doing and not let it happen in that manner. When you take and subdivide anything into small parcels of land which block everybody together, which the government has been trying to do for years, you will get that situation.

They bring it upon themselves. As I said before, it sure took the steam out of me, Mr. Local Government Minister, when you threw away those papers, because I was going to say something about the policy of the government but you beat me to it. I was certainly going to throw that away. The philosophy of any government who would write a paper like that has got to be something that I don't think is desirable to farming people and people who want to live in the country at least.

I will explain why I feel that the government is at fault in their own, with their own doing, for many of these situations they get in.

For instance, the Carcross Corners, people did want land years ago, have wanted land for years, the federal government ties it up, you say, or somebody's always to blame. But, if you are going to say to a person, okay, you can only have fifty feet and fifty feet alongside, and another one fifty feet, you're going to create a group that is almost a townsite. Whether you like it or not, it's going to be, then you're going to be asked for sewer or water and so forth and so on.

If, on the other hand, you sit down and create something like I have seen in Ireland, Scotland, England, small farms, small acreages, not four or five acres, two or three acres, you've got to go even bigger than that. I would say ten, or twelve or fifteen acres in this country, even, anywhere, if you're going to live that type of life and then there's not so much harm in it and there won't be so many things asked for.

The Carcross Corners is a good example of what happens when the government does let this type of thing go on. I would say that those people weren't too happy with buying those small lots at the time if they could have had something else, but the government is not prepared to give them anything else. They say no, no, you can't have anymore than that.

Now I hope that the situation where they have residential leases and agricultural leases now and where

the government was going to let them have an acre, I think it was to build their house on, a very small portion I must say anyway, and up two or three acres, I hope that went in the bucket, because that would create exactly the same thing. I'm hoping that's gone and they have a little different philosophy again. I hope that maybe when they do deal with these people that they say look, let's have ten acres I'll leave you, I'll let you have that much, or twelve or fifteen and then sign something that says we will not have any more roads and so forth and so on. I don't think the people even want it. They want to be treated so that they can live by themselves and that gives them that opportunity.

As I say, that philosophy I would have to stand by. I cannot stand by the philosophy that has been the practice of this government in the last few years as I have seen it on every paper I have ever read, and that is to build a box and stick everybody in it, one on top of the other, so that they are handy when you need them for anything, and you can just pull the bottom one out and the other one will drop in his place. The good Lord built this land flat for us to walk around on and I'd like to have a little piece of it, you know, to move around, and the philosophy of our government is not that way today.

Hopefully they will see this and realize that the land value would not be nearly as much today if there were bigger parcels of land. They would never pay the same for 160 acres of land, per acre, in a parcel of 160 acres as you will if you chop it up and put it in 50 foot squares, it would go into the millions of dollars on any 160 acre plot. If they just bear that in mind, I think it might help quite a bit. I'm very sorry, the other papers aren't here because I was really set to give them that.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to personally accept the criticism of the Honourable Member of Hootalinqua, because all of the policies that he is stating were done before I was in charge of the portfolio of Local Government and were done before that land was turned over to the control of the Territorial Government.

I'm doing exactly what he's saying I should do, bring some sense and bring some rationality out of the mess that I've inherited and that's exactly what I hope to do, that's exactly what I hope to do, that's exactly what I was trying to do in all of the areas by going into the area of small holdings. I won't stop the policy of where a person has a large acreage for agricultural where his investment, where his improvements are, his house aren't protected because he couldn't get title prior to it before. He can now get title where his improvements are and maintain his large acreage of agricultural lease the same as he did before. That's an improvement and I'm not going to stop improving and keeping on improving the land policies that the territorial government is responsible for.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Mr. Chairman, just to clear up the matter of what land was sold for a number of years ago. The policy up until about 1971 or 72 was, the price of agricultural land was \$1.00, \$3.00 or \$5.00 an acre, depending upon the amount of clearing required or the cost of clearing required. The smaller parcels of land that went for agricultural purposes were appraised in a



different way, but an acre of land, for almost any purpose, usually came to \$60.00 because that was the minimum price for which crown land could be sold. So that if you had an acre of agricultural land which, theoretically, was worth \$5.00, you had to pay \$60.00 for it because that was the minimum price that we could charge. But there was lots of land sold for \$1.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00 an acre for agricultural purposes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I haven't got the Green Paper with me, but I was wondering if the Minister could possibly state his intent with that so-called agricultural land which has been classified as agricultural land, would the policy or the legislative coming out force people to keep that land for agricultural purposes only?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I don't know, Mr. Chairman, that's what I'm asking expert advice on.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** I would think it's quite important for this Territory. There's lots of land it seems, but there's very few acreages available for good agricultural purposes. I think it would be a disgrace to the future people in this Territory that we go the same way as people go in the other provinces. They use them up and let some greedy operator subdivide those lands for his own purposes without looking ahead at the future for all the people in the Yukon.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I said before and I'll say it again, that the agricultural policy which will be presented in this House will be presented to the House, it will not be an administrative decision because I'm not going to live with it politically, without having the input and the concurrence of this House. It's going to be a political decision made in this House, what we're going to do on the agricultural policy once we have the results of these soil survey.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I think the Honourable Member from Klondike brought up a good point. I'm very glad to get the information from the Honourable Member from Mayo. It's very interesting. I know of some people who paid well over a hundred dollars for an acreage, agricultural land acreage, so I suppose it was whatever they -- I don't know, but I'm not surprised because there was some of the most -- I've seen agreements for sale that had different terms of leases and it's quite a dog's breakfast, but I didn't realize that they were that low.

However, the person now who has made some dollars on them, I'm going to get back to it again and the Honourable Member from Klondike referred to this person as a greedy operator. Well, sure, that's fine, but he sold the land for agricultural purposes but there was no requirement in the title or anything for that person to stick to agriculture. There was no zoning regulation, there

was no direction from the government or anything. Therefore, I don't think we should criticize these people; sure, they're making a fast buck, I'm not saying that's right, but it is the obligation of the State, as the Honourable Member from Klondike said, that if you have agricultural land then it is up to the State to protect that agricultural land. It can change hands, but make sure that the use of it remains in the area of agriculture.

But this has not been done in the past and the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua has referred to the Land Policy. The Honourable Minister has -- I don't know, everyone sort of blames everyone else for what's happened in land, but this was never done in the past, so -- but let's look towards the future. This is what we're all sort of waiting for. We're waiting for some constructive proposal so that we have to make decisions. It's fine for us to criticize and I'm one of the biggest critics, but I'm quite prepared to make a decision when we get our paper on agriculture. I'm quite prepared to make a decision on small acreages. I know that it's going to be difficult to bite the nail, but it has to be done. We are always bringing on what's gone on in the past, and some disastrous things have gone on in the past, but I cannot blame a shrewd businessman, or shrewd person, who's taken advantage of it. You know, if it's just sitting there for the plucking, why not do it?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can understand the Honourable Member from Kluane and there's a lot of other people thinking in that way.

On one hand, they complain because of Government interference. On the other hand, they say, well, Government didn't interfere enough. The land was sold at the time for agricultural purposes and to me that spells it out and the person who purchased land like this has a responsibility to keep that as agricultural land.

Now, why should the Government have to come out with further regulations, with further legislation, to spell it out more, because the people again are trying to circumvent all those things.

For two months we sit in this House here, we listen to the complaints of the Honourable Members of Government interference with private business people, with the private life of people in this Territory. Here she said the Government didn't interfere enough. I can't understand that.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, I think I can clear that one up. There isn't any cases where the people were trying to get a piece of property. There was no other way they could get it. They got it, however, the best they could and if they had to promise they'd use it for agriculture, or use it for anything they could but agriculture was a word that could be used at that time and is still possible, although it's gone down the drain now, so now you have to get it for some other reason we're going to have to find.

We still aren't able to get any land. As I say, the Government philosophy is not to let us, apparently, live out in the country. I would like to see just who wouldn't take the position that I took one time and I seem to always get involved; I don't worry about it, I'm only



making so much money, when I've got 37 acres for 50 cents an acre. I can't help it, it wasn't my fault. It was the Government that did it. They sold it on a tax sale, public, to anyone that wanted it and I happened to be the lucky joker that picked it up. I didn't make a fortune, I wished it had been 10,000 acres, because I sold it for \$500.00 an acre, and I don't mind saying so, but it's not my fault. Don't blame me, there's many cases that's happened like this in the Yukon Territory. There's also the case where somebody did go out and did get something for agriculture, but as I say, he had to do it, he had no other way of getting anything really, so let's not blame him entirely.

What I'm saying now, I think the Honourable Member from Kluane said it, we must see that we don't let this type of thing go on. You know, give the people a chance to have some properties. I would like to see the Mayo Road and all those places all the way along with a nice home maybe every mile or two miles. There are people in the country that want this type of home; they don't want to be wall to wall people here in Whitehorse. I was down there this afternoon. I almost didn't get back here. I don't want that. I see no reason in the world why people can't have that right.

When the Honourable Member of Local Government stands up and says he is going to bring forth a policy and that policy is trying to give somebody an acre of land or something because he's got a big lease now and he's paying for it. Now they're going to own an acre or so, or up to three acres. I say no, and I'll be voting no in this House, if it ever comes here, because if he is out in the country he don't need to own two or three acres of land. If he can't own ten or twelve, or a little more than that, then forget it, because it's just a token and it's just a way of saying one or two people out there, there's an awful pile of them on our back even though they are the minority, but we can get rid of one or two, we can give them a little token by giving them an acre to plant a potato on or something. I think that everybody should be entitled to a certain amount of land, and maybe he won't use it for agriculture or anything else. What he would do in the Yukon, I don't know, and I don't really care. He may raise ice worms on it, but nevertheless that can be his home and I say we want to look into that situation.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very interested in the debate that's going on and certainly I think so many valid comments, but I'm pleased to hear - I got in late, but I'm pleased to hear the Minister of Local Government say that he's scrapped some papers and that we are going to have a new policy to look at, probably in the Fall.

I would just hope, and I'm sure, as he said, there'll be some small acreage subdivisions in that. There'll be some larger acreage type things, some agricultural use land. There'll be a policy on subdivision that will be reasonable, because subdivision is going to take place, and it depends on how you define subdivision. Certainly we're not going to allow and I don't think in any part of the country any more, the type of subdivision that we think of, large acreages being divided into small lots for resale, that's not happening any more. I think people have to realize this. The circumstances of the country have changed and I was surprised to hear the Minister

of Local Government because, I don't know if it was hard to him to say or not, because he certainly is a Yukoner of many years, and the Member from Kluane as well, where I said, you know, the situation has changed in Yukon where everybody is not going to be able to get a piece of land, and that's exactly true and I think we have to well realize that.

You know, all I can say is, we'd better take care of the land we've got because they quit making it. There's no more.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have been waiting for quite some time, in case you hadn't noticed. I've listened to this debate on land claims with some interest. It reminds me of a number of banjo players in a band, trying to play a tune not knowing what the tune is, even though they have the music in front of them.

The only reason why I'm rising in this debate, Mr. Chairman, is to support the Minister of Local Government. I know, like all Members here, he was given one hell of a mess in dealing with land and related matters when he took the office as Executive Member of this Government. I support what he's trying to achieve for the people in the Yukon. It's nice to sit here, or even stand here, and criticize an individual, but I think we should be coming out and supporting it, totally, what is being achieved.

I don't like speculators nor leeches on society, more-so when they finish up being the big fat cats and the little guy that's trying to get the one acre, which some Members say they shouldn't have or suggested they shouldn't have, ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Do they all get cordobas?

**Mr. McCall:** I think that's a very selfish train of thought.

Mr. Lengerke brought up a very valid point as far as it goes with land. It's only here once, so are we. We should do, or try and make it available wherever it is possible for people to live on.

I won't say very much more, I don't want to sound like a recording that has a chip in it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Just a crack in it, Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** You wouldn't be able to play it if it had a crack in it, Mr. Chairman, as long as it's being played, it has a chip in it. Broken mind.

Yes, I am preparing to put forward a motion at this time, Mr. Chairman. I would move that the Green Paper on Land Rental Rates be concurred in by this Committee.

**Mr. Chairman:** Secunder?

It has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the Green Paper on Land Rates be concurred in by this Committee.

Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, we haven't discussed it. There's nothing to concur in. The Green Paper asks an opinion. If we are concurring the fact that he's asking an opinion, well, I suppose we're concurring in that.



**Mr. Chairman:** That's right.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the last paragraph of the Green Paper states that, "We have examined the Lands Ordinance and found that several other sections should be deleted and/or updated. If we were to open up this Ordinance to amend the lease rental rates, then it would be prudent to amend the Lands Ordinance in total and that would reflect the legislative needs of the day.

"It is therefore our conclusion and intent to present for your consideration an amended Lands Ordinance in the Fall Session of Council. During the interim, any leases which come up for renewal will be charged at previous rental rates for the ensuing year.

"We hope these recommendations and conclusions meet the desires of this Assembly and we will prepare the revised legislation for submission to the Fall Session."

So we do want agreement and concurrence — one, that we come up with an amended Lands Ordinance for the Fall Session of the Assembly. We would like the agreement of the House that, during the interim, because of the problems that we are having, under the law, having to charge ten per cent on any land that we appraise, and it means that land which has gone from \$200.00 to \$10,000.00, that we have to charge that \$1,000.00 now on a recreational lot. We don't want to do that until we amend the Lands Ordinance that we asked that last year's lease rates apply for this year. And we ask concurrence of the House to be able to do that.

If those recommendations are concurred in that last paragraph, we're prepared to revise the legislation and submit it for this Fall Session, so we are asking for some direction and advice from Members of the Assembly on this matter.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to point out to the Minister that the section dealing with the annual rental payable under any lease, other than the grazing lease, shall be not less than ten per cent of the appraised value of the land that's leased was repeated in the Territorial Lands Ordinance at the insistence of the Department of Justice, because it was felt that the Territorial Government could not deal with land on a lesser term than the federal department.

The method of appraisal, I'm sure, is different because basically the federal department is selling vacant Crown land and the minimum selling price is \$60.00 for a partial, and consequently ten per cent of that would be \$6.00 and the minimum rental for a parcel of land is \$25.00. Automatically, most recreational lots were rented for \$25.00. That particular section was put in at the insistence of the Department of Justice and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry the Honourable Member told me that because I'm a little frightened of what our status is if we attempt to do what we're attempting to do. There's no doubt at all that there's a different appraisal method used by the federal government than the territorial government. I say that

we use a proper fair market value appraisal level and, of course, on lands I feel that the federal government is quite a few light years behind the time and what appraisal system they use, I don't know at this moment.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. This is on the motion, however I have a couple of things to say. The Honourable Members here have risen here and more or less, via the grapevine or around the corner, suggested that some Members might not know what they're talking about and sound like a broken needle and a few things.

I'd like to clarify the situation, where I did not say or suggest that any person should not have an acre or a small piece of land. I said that definitely that I didn't want them to be forced into having a small piece of land. I want them to have more.

I see nothing actually in the Green Paper, other than what Mr. McIntyre brought up which is a very valid thing. I would say that possibly the federal government weren't so terrible with what they're doing, however, I will probably vote for the motion to have the Green Paper concurred in. Other than that, the Minister's admitted that it's not too good, so, we'll see.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, on page three of the Green Paper, I believe the ten per cent on reappraised value on leases is a requirement in the legislation, is it not?

Well, Mr. Chairman, how could we say, how could we, by approving this motion, giving instructions to the Department of Local Government to contravene the Lands Ordinance?

Well, I am not going to support a motion in the House that says that. We either change the legislation. We cannot, or we should not be amending the legislation by a policy decision or a resolution in this House and that is wrong. That is dangerous if we start playing the game that way.

**Mr. Chairman:** It has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the Green Paper on Land Rental Rates be concurred in by this Committee.

**Mr. Fleming?**

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, who did you say the motion was seconded by, Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** By Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** No it was never, Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I did not support that motion at any time. I supported a — but I did not second the motion at any time.

**Mr. Chairman:** Well, it might be an error, Mr. Fleming, you had your hand up at the time that I was asking for a seconder.

**Mr. Fleming:** It must be an error, Mr. Chairman, because I would never —



**Mr. Chairman:** Well, I don't need a seconder. Are you ready for the question?  
Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to comment on it. I think this is a very dangerous motion. We have done some very, very strange things in this House this Session. During the budget time when I brought up the grants to the municipalities, and I asked for an appropriation or a piece of legislation to give us the authorization other than just the vote wording, and that was turned down coldly, flatly and cruelly, and we were doing something that was bordering on being not quite right.

Now, here we are, instructing the Department to ignore the Lands Ordinance, the requirements under the Lands Ordinance. We are instructing them to do that.

Mr. Chairman, I just couldn't approve that motion.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the Territorial Lands Ordinance calls for a reappraisal every five years. What we want to do is waive the reappraisal for the year so that we will be able to charge at the same rates as the previous year, before coming in with an amended Lands Ordinance.

Now, you know, we know what the law says and if the person demands that a reappraisal be done for another five years, then that person is going to have to pay 10 per cent of the appraised value. If we don't have to do the reappraisal this year and can extend the duration of the lease for one year at last year's rental rates then that's the type of flexibility that we would like to have.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, no legislature in this country would, by motion, instruct their federal government by motion, specifically not to do something that the legislation does.

Now, their interpretation is one thing but we would be specifically telling them where there's a reappraisal required, don't do it. And that is not what we should be doing. If your five years is up, you know, if they don't get time to get out there and do the appraisal, that is their problem, but we shouldn't be giving instructions from this House. That's serious.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is before the House and I have called for question.

It has been moved by Mr. McCall that the Green Paper on Land Rental Rates be concurred in by this House.

All those in favour.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Contrary.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagree and I certainly want it recorded.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I just have to comment. This is just absolutely ludicrous.

**Mr. Chairman:** You're out of order, Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** There are a lot of things that are out of order, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Order, Mrs. Watson.  
Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would move Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

**Mr. Chairman:** Seconder.

**Mr. Fleming:** I second it.

**Mr. McCall:** Are you sure, Bob?

**Mr. Chairman:** It has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Are you ready for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are you in favour?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

*(Mr. Speaker resumes Chair)*

**Mr. Speaker:** I now call the House to order.

May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole have considered Bill Number 18, Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance; Bill Number 19, Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78; Bill 17, Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78; and directed me to report the same without amendment.

The Committee have considered Bill Number 13, General Development Agreement Ordinance, and directed me to report the same with amendment.

The Committee have also considered the Sessional Papers on Territorial Lands Policy and Land Subdivision Policy.

The Committee have considered the Green Papers on Highway Signs and Highway Information Signs, and the Green Paper on Land Rental Rates and the White Paper on Decentralization and directed me to report that they have adopted certain resolutions in relation thereto.

The Committee have also considered Resolution Number 4 and directed me to report concurrence in same.

The Committee have also directed me to ask leave to sit again.

**Mr. Speaker:** You have heard the Report of the Chairman of Committees.



Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Leave is so granted.  
The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I seek consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders to proceed with the Second Reading of Bill Number 20.

**Mr. Speaker:** Secunder?  
I see this is not a motion, does the House agree unanimously?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any in disagreement? Proceed.

#### BILL 20 - SECOND READING

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that Bill Number 20 be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that Bill Number 20 be now read a second time.  
Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I have your further pleasure?  
The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I seek assent of the Assembly to proceed with Resolution Number 27.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps this could be stood over until the next time, when the Committee have concluded their deliberations on Bill Number 20.

The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would move Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. Fleming:** I second that.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now

leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion carried.

*(Motion carried)*

*(Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair)*

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Mr. Chairman:** I call this Committee to order and declare a recess.

*(RECESS)*

**Mr. Chairman:** I call this Committee to order.  
Bill Number 20, Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission Ordinance.  
Clause 1 (1).

*(Reads Clause)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall Clause 1 carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Interpretation.  
Clause 2 (1)

*(Reads Clause 2)*

**Mr. Legal Advisor:** Mr. Chairman, there should be a comma after the word "superior". Otherwise it means a superior provincial court.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Legal Advisor.  
Clause 3 (1).

*(Reads Clause 3)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 4.

*(Reads Clause 4)*

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 5 (1).

*(Reads Clause 5)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** The Legal Advisor, 4 (2), "The Chairman of the commission shall be a judge", but we say he



can be a magistrate, don't we? Or is a judge a magistrate, or a magistrate a judge?

**Mr. Legal Advisor:** Well, that's the difficulty, Mr. Chairman. In the Provinces, a provincial court judge, is equivalent to what we would call a magistrate here. So we've tried to have the definition to cover judges of superior courts, which is the high court, an appeal court, judges of county courts, judges of district courts and also judges of what we call a magistrate's court.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 5 (1).

*(Reads Clause 5.)*

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 6 (1).

*(Reads Clause 6)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 7 (1).

*(Reads Clause 7)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 8 (1).

*(Reads Clause 8)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 9 (1).

*(Reads Clause 9)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 10 (1).

*(Reads Clause 10)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 11 (1).

*(Reads Clause 11)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 12 (1).

*(Reads Clause 12)*

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 13 (1).

*(Reads Clause 13)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 14 (1).

*(Reads Clause 14)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 15 (1).

*(Reads Clause 15)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 16 (1).

*(Reads Clause 16)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 17 (1).

*(Reads Clause 17)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 18 (1).

*(Reads Clause 18)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 19 (1).

*(Reads Clause 19)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 20 (1).

*(Reads Clause 20)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?



**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 21 (1).

*(Reads Clause 21)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 22 (1).

*(Reads Clause 22)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clause 23.

*(Reads Clause 23)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the consent and advice of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows: Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance.

Shall the title carry?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Shall I report the Bill without amendment.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. chairman:** I'll declare a brief recess.

RECESS

**Mr. Chairman:** I call this Committee to order.  
Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

**Mr. Fleming:** I second that.

**Mr. Chairman:** That's the most eloquent statement I've heard you make for two months, Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** It's okay, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** It has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Are you ready for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The Motion is carried.

*(Motion Carried)*

*(Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair)*

**Mr. Speaker:** I call the House to order.

May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole have considered Bill Number 20, Electoral Boundaries District Commission Ordinance, and directed me to report the same without amendment, and they have asked me not leave to sit again.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the Chair take it that you beg leave to sit again?

**Mr. chairman:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the Chair take it that the Committee no longer at this session wishes to sit again?

**Mr. Chairman:** With amendment Mr. Speaker. The Committee will wish to sit again.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. You have heard the Report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Leave is so granted.  
The Honourable Member from Pelly River?

**Mr. McCall:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to get up on a point of personal privilege. On April 14th, I asked a question to the Assistant Commissioner and I'd just like it stated for the record that this question has not been answered and I believe this question is of great importance to the people of the Yukon. I'm very disappointed that this question has not been answered by now.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I have your further pleasure at this time?

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I would seek the assent of the Assembly to proceed with Resolution Number 27.

**Mr. speaker:** Perhaps we would have to have a Motion to waive Standing Orders to revert to Orders of the Day, or I should say to Routine Proceedings, I'm sorry.  
The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I would so move that we revert to Standing Orders of the Day -

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps as guidance for the House, there are many matters to be dealt with and perhaps if



the House so chose, they might wish to revert to Routine Proceedings in order to allow the Tabling of Documents, perhaps Notices of Motion and some items that Members have given the Chair the courtesy of advising the Chair of.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any contrary?  
So carried.

*(Motion carried)*

#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any Documents for Tabling? There being no Documents for tabling, are they any Notices of Motion or Resolution?  
The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion regarding Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will proceed to Orders of the Day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Under Questions, Mr. speaker, I would like to table answers to the following questions: Number 19, the one just referred to by the Honourable Member from Pelly; Number 20, relating to campgrounds. I also have for tabling the answer to an Oral Question asked by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, concerning recent amendments to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board Act, and an answer to an Oral Question asked by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, concerning a game research project along the Dempster Highway.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I have an answer to a written question. The question was--Mr. Speaker, I would like to give a reply to Question Number 6, concerning kindergarten teachers, asked by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, as follows: Number One, how many local, i.e. Yukon resident applications for teaching positions were received. The answer was forty.

Two: How many of these local applications were qualified? Thirty-seven.

Three: How many applicants were interviewed? Twenty-six.

Four: How many of these local applications were not approved? It was nine.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will then proceed to Motions. Pardon me, we will proceed to Public Bills.  
May I have your pleasure?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, do we skip from Motions to--do we leave Motions out?

**Mr. Speaker:** It would be the intent of the House to revert to Motions at a later date, or at a later time today.  
The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

#### PUBLIC BILLS

##### Bill 20 - Third Reading

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 20 be now read a third time.

**Mr. speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 20 be now read a third time.  
Are you prepared for the Question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 20 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 20 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

##### Amendments to Bill Number 13 - first and second reading.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that the amendments to Bill Number 13 be now read a first and second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that the



amendments to Bill 13 be now read a first and second time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the Bill be read for the third time?

#### **Bill Number 13 - third reading**

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Now, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 13 be now read a third time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 13 now be read a third time.

The Honourable Member from Kluane.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, I am going to very briefly comment, my objection to this Bill again. I think that it gives unlimited power to the Executive arm of the government and not only does it give them the ability to enter into one agreement but any number of agreements. It also gives them to power to enter into the agreements under the terms and conditions that they so determine.

**Mr. Speaker,** I think this is a dangerous Bill. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that many people of the Territory and some of the people in this Legislature will rue the day that this Bill passed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

**Mr. McKinnon:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that

Bill Number 13 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 13 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mrs. Watson:** Disagreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion has carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Bill Number 13 has passed this House. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I have a recommendation signed by the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, A.M. Pearson, that the Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78 be approved and recommended for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly of Yukon under the provision of Section 24 of the Yukon Act and Standing Order 62 of the said Legislative Assembly.

**Mr. Speaker:** Proceed.

#### **Bill Number 17 - third reading.**

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move at this time, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 17 be now read a third time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 17 be now read a third time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?



**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that Bill Number 17 do now pass and the title be as on the Order Paper.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 17 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Bill Number 17 has passed this House. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 18 be now read a third time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 18 be now read a third time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the Motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 18 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North centre, that Bill Number 18 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Bill Number 18 has passed this House. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number: 19 be now read a third time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 19 be now read a third time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared to adopt a title to the Bill?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 19 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill Number 19 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion Carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Bill Number 19 has passed this Huse. May I have your further pleasure?

I think for the guidance of Members at this time that maybe in order for someone to move a Motion to revert to Motions under Standing Order Number 35.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?



**Mr. Hibberd:** So moved, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Seconder?

**Mr. McCall:** I'll second that.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, that the House revert to Motions under Standing Order 35.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any contrary?  
I will declare that the Motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to deal with Resolution Number 27.

**Mr. Speaker:** Oh, I see, this hasn't yet been read from the Chair.

It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale,

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Yukon Government give serious consideration to making available to the public the Government's five year capital forecast so that private enterprise in Yukon can accommodate their planning and investments on the basis of the Government's proposed investment in the future.

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, this is a very straightforward Motion. It deviates from what has been going on, the practice in the past that forecasts have never been made available for the public information, but I think we're rather in a unique situation in the Yukon today, actually, a rather serious situation. Yukon is not distinct; I think all of Canada is facing a type of recession. There is considerable unemployment and people are very reluctant to invest and they feel very insecure and I think that insecurity is even more prominent in the Yukon, what is going on across the river on a daily basis, because of the actions of our Minister who is not giving any commitment or direction for the development at all. So people in the Yukon, who have been here for a long time and who have made considerable investment, are being very, very reluctant to invest any further and, of course, that would only add to the situation.

So, in an effort to try to overcome this to a certain degree, at least if the Government of the Territory were prepared to make public, make available a five year forecast and it must be emphasized that they are just forecasts of capital expenditure, but on the basis of that, private enterprise, business people, even people who

are employed in various industries and activities in the Yukon, would know that in the next five years the Government of the Yukon is going to be spending 'x' number of millions of dollars in the Yukon.

I understand that other jurisdictions are going in this direction also for this very simple reason. Mr. Speaker, I would certainly hope that we get concurrence of this House with this motion and I would, if we do, I would certainly hope that the Government makes every effort to accommodate this motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I'll support the motion because the motion says that we give serious consideration to making it available.

We are in a very different situation here than in the provincial jurisdictions who deal on a five-year forecast of their estimated revenue to the Government. We deal on a yearly financial basis with the Treasury Board and with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. So, depending upon the capital funding in any year or the operating deficit funding which is available to the Yukon Government in any year, really gives us what we are going to be able to do in that year.

So, where provincial governments can forecast five years down the line and have a relatively good guess of what their income and revenue is going to be, we don't have those same advantages in dealing in a territorial situation as provincial legislatures do. We used to, at one time, sign a five year plan with the Federal Government. The five year plan was debated in the House and was available for everyone so that exactly the thing that the Honourable Member states was available. Everybody knew in year one, two, three, four and five just what capital was going to be available for Government of the Yukon.

That is not the case at the present time and we have the problem of raising political expectations. If you see a five-year plan with some pretty grandiose projects going to happen in communities and then we do not have success in seeking funding from the Federal Government, I can tell you who is going to come out looking for scapegoats. It's not going to be the Federal Government, it's going to be the YTG who had proposed the plan. So there are these different considerations that have to be given because of the very different financial situation that we find ourselves in, *vis-a-vis* the provincial government and I would like to think that government is planning. I like to think that you have forecasts out that are as sure as you can possibly make them, knowing, taking into consideration what is happening and happening on the best crystal gazing you can possibly apply. If it is possible, as it were prior when we did have the five-year plan debated in the House, then I think that the Government should give it serious consideration and such material should be made available if at all possible, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.



**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, it is moved by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale that pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance, the Commissioner appoint Mr. Charles D. Taylor and Mr. Gordon Yardley to be members of such Commission.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, that pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance, the Commissioner appoint Mr. Charles D. Taylor and Mr. Gordon Yardley to be members of such Commission.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, moved by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale;

THAT the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet. Mr. Speaker may give Notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such Notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time;

AND THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale;

THAT the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet. Mr. Speaker may give Notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such Notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time;

AND THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this Order.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried and so ordered.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** I believe at this time it would be appropriate to ask the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, in his role as Lieutenant-Governor to give assent to the Bills passed so far by this Session.

Mr. Commissioner, the Assembly has passed a number of Bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, I would respectfully request your assent.

**Madam Clerk:** Bill 5, An Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance Ordinance; Bill 7, An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance; Bill 8, the Insurance Ordinance; Bill 10, The Credit Union Ordinance; Bill 12, Recreation Development Ordinance; Bill 13, General Development Agreement Ordinance; Bill 14, Real Estate Agents Licensing Ordinance; Bill 15, An Ordinance to Amend the Local Improvement District Ordinance; Bill 16, An Ordinance to Amend the Elections Ordinance; Bill 17, Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78; Bill 18, Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance; Bill 19, Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78, Bill 20, Electoral District Boundaries Commission Ordinance.

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, I hereby give assent to the Bills as enumerated by the Clerk.

**Mr. Speaker:** This House stands adjourned.

*(ADJOURNED)*







